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Letter dated 4 March 2014 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as President of the Security Council, I am forwarding to you a letter dated 27 February 2014 from the Chair of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict established by the Security Council in its resolution 1612 (2005), based on the Working Group's conclusions adopted on 14 February 2014 (S/AC.51/2014/1) (see annex).

(*Signed*) Sylvie **Lucas**
President of the Security Council

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At its 41st meeting, on 25 October 2013, the Working Group of the Security Council on Children and Armed Conflict examined the third report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in the Philippines (S/2013/419), covering the period from 1 December 2009 to 30 November 2012. At its 43rd meeting, on 14 February 2014, the Working Group adopted its conclusions on children and armed conflict in the Philippines (S/AC.51/2014/1).

Following the recommendations of the Working Group, approved by the Security Council, and subject to and consistent with applicable law and relevant international Security Council resolutions, including Security Council resolutions 1612 (2005), 1882 (2009), 1998 (2011) and 2068 (2012), I am entrusted, in my capacity as Chair of the Working Group:

(a) To invite you to ensure that the country task force of the United Nations on monitoring and reporting strengthens, in cooperation with the Government of the Philippines, its monitoring and reporting activities with respect to all violations and abuses committed against children in the armed conflict in the Philippines, and the full and expeditious implementation of the action plan between the Moro Islamic Liberation Front and the United Nations signed on 1 August 2009;

(b) To request that you encourage the country task force on monitoring and reporting to renew its efforts to reach out to the New People's Army, in cooperation with the Government of the Philippines, with a view to developing an action plan to end and prevent the recruitment and use of children in violation of applicable international law, and to address other violations and abuses against children committed by the New People's Army in the Philippines.

(*Signed*) Sylvie **Lucas**
Chair
Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict